

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM
February 23, 2004 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Brian C. Warburton, Chairman, Virginia Bridle,
William Sullivan, Cliff Pratt, James Workman
James Barrington, Town Manager
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Steve Jusseaume led the audience in the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber of Commerce Recognition

Mr. Pratt announced that two of the Selectmen were recognized for their outstanding achievements by the Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Sullivan was recognized for his work associated with establishing the Seafood Festival infrastructure and Mr. Warburton was recognized for his success in obtaining sponsors for the Seafood Festival on an annual basis.

Mr. Warburton noted that the Chamber Meeting was a wonderful event at the Inn of Hampton. He noted that that the Galley Hatch Catering is operating the conference center now and did an outstanding job. While he and Mr. Sullivan appreciate the recognition they received he wanted to announce that the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Fred Schaaake and the Business of the Year Award was presented to Tobey & Merrill Insurance.

Visioning Workshop

The fourth Hampton Beach Visioning Workshop will take place Thursday, February 26th beginning at 6:00 PM at the Ashworth Hotel.

HYA Family Day

Mr. Warburton thanked all those involved with the HYA Basketball Program and said that on February 14th the annual HYA Family Day was held at the Marston School in conjunction with the championship game.

Town Election

The annual town election will be on Tuesday, March 9th from 7AM to 8PM at the Marston School. Absentee ballots are available through the Town Clerk. Babysitting services provided in the library from 8AM-3PM for voters.

Mr. Sullivan reminded the public that there are several articles on the warrant for special revenue funds that are "Appropriate Only" amounts. These articles are important to pass and do not effect the tax rate. Mr. Sullivan said that the special revenue fund system works very well and the Board urges support for those articles.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Town Manager's Report

Beach Re-nourishment Project

Mr. Barrington told the Board that he and John Hangen met with the Town Manager of Seabrook to hear the latest plans regarding a beach re-nourishment project that is being developed. Mr. Barrington said that sand that has been dredged from the harbor and will be added to the beach. The operation will start in Hampton, by Sun Valley and will bring 4,000 -4,500 cubic yards of sand to replace what has washed away from erosion. There will be efforts to plant sea grass to prevent further erosion. Seabrook has requested some manpower assistance from Hampton, which he feels is appropriate and has authorized. The sand will have a "fishy" odor initially, but that will dissipate and the sand will bleach out quickly.

Police Facility

Mr. Barrington reported that activity on the construction of the police station is increasing with columns being put into place around the building and the scaffolding going up for the vehicle maintenance building. If the weather is cooperative, progress should be made on the masonry work over the next few weeks.

Beach Master Plan

Mr. Barrington told the Board that in an effort to generate ideas for Hampton Beach, he met with Mr. Stuart Arnette, Department of Economic Development last week and discussed with him a letter of interest that he had received from a New York businessman who has a development proposal that could be a match with Hampton. Mrs. Martin has sent a letter to Disney to determine if they have any ideas or can offer some technical assistance with the planning activities for the beach area.

All Hazard Mitigation Plan

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 25th in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at 7:00 PM to present portions of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jane Hubbard will be conducting the meeting, and there will be opportunity for citizen comment on the plan both at the meeting and through written comments afterward.

Use of Municipal Buildings

The Town Manager told the Board that he has completed a draft policy for the use of municipal buildings and asked that the Board review it for discussion at a future meeting. This will be an Old Business item next week.

Town Web Site

Mr. Barrington announced that new features are being added to the Town website including a scrolling test message. There will also be a feature where citizens can sign up for an automated registration system to receive meeting notices and agendas.

LCHIP Grant

Mr. Barrington reported that he had received a letter late last week regarding a grant for \$100,000 less 8% administrative costs from LCHIP for the purchase of the conservation easement at the Hurd Farm. The contract for acceptance of the grant was reviewed by Attorney Gearreald and he has some concerns with the form. The grant is for an eighteen month period, so if the warrant article does not pass this first year, it would have a second opportunity the following March. Mr. Barrington said that Attorney Gearreald has recommended that a public hearing be held to accept the grant.

MR. PRATT MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen hold a public hearing on March 1, 2004 to accept the LCHIP grant.

MR. WORKMAN SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Mr. Sullivan asked about the beach renourishment project and asked if it will take in all of the Hampton area. Mr. Barrington said that it will go from the jetty, south to Massachusetts.

V. NEW BUSINESS1. Abatement Request – Sinotte, Map 265-009

The Board requested that this be referred to the Assessor with a report back to the Board.

2. Request to Transfer Parking Leases – Pappy's Pizza

Mr. Warburton read a letter requesting the transfer of two parking spaces from Pappy's Pizza to the new owner of the property. Mr. Sullivan said that it is a shame to see Pappy's leave Hampton Beach.

Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED that the Board grant the transfer request for the two leased parking spaces.

Mrs. Bridle SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

The Board requested the Town Manager to send a letter to the Pappas family, wishing them well and thanking them for their many years in Hampton.

VI. MINUTES

The minutes of February 9, 2004 were accepted as written.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. 2004 Land Rent Warrant
2. Current Use Application – Exeter Road
3. Hawkers & Peddlers Permit – Seaside Arts & Crafts
4. Elderly Exemption / Disabled Tax Deferral

Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED that the Board of Selectmen approve the consent agenda.

Mr. Sullivan SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED that the meeting be adjourned. (7:45 PM)

Mr. Workman SECONDED

VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR

Chairman